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Comments: I strongly oppose the proposed transportation and Public access proposal by Midas Mine in regards to any upgrading and extending of the Burntlog road in particular FSR 447. Additionally I oppose the plowing of the Warm lake road to Landmark and the proposed Burntlog route to the project site. Also the grooming of cabin creek/trout creek trail to provide access to Landmark to access the Mine. In addition to all of the aforementioned I strongly oppose the proposed traffic of commercial vehicles climbing the Warm Lake Summit due to the excess road noise disrupting the serenity and tranquility of the local population of cabin owners at Warm Lake as well as the many ungulates, bears, wolves, raptures and other wildlife occupying the area. To me, using the road for extreme commercial vehicle traffic is just unheard of. The negatives are many but some more include tanker trucks carrying fuel and the use of "jake Brakes" Spill hazards would be devastating to the water aquifer for years/decades to come. Additionally all of the road maintenance equipment and employee transport vehicles plus supply vehicles is just not acceptable.

The Burntlog Road (FSR 447) is an area of currently moderate recreational use affording all species of wildlife including fisheries and birds a vast and harmonious environment of solitude in which to prosper, breed and survive. This includes most recently since 1995/1996 the gray wolf which has denning sites and rendezvous sites located throughout this proposed road projects area. I personally know this to be fact as I have seen the wolves and pups in the proposed road area. Wolves prefer to live near a constant water source such as a marsh or stream away from people, noise and vehicles. This includes an environment free of human traffic and or vehicles in which to breed successfully in mid February having their pups in April. Laws were created to ensure wolf populations are maintained at sustainable levels which will help sustain viability of the species into the future. Building of large single lane or double lane roads to accommodate private mining interests is not in the best interest of wildlife especially when the road(s) border wilderness areas.